

New Law Requires Department of State to Report on Countries Which Violate Freedom of Press

Washington, DC – Congressman John Adler today applauded a new law to promote global freedom of press. The Daniel Pearl Freedom of Press Act, named after the Wall Street Journal reporter murdered while reporting in Pakistan, requires the Department of State to report on freedom of press violations as part of its annual human rights review. Congressman Adler voted for the legislation and it was signed into law yesterday by the President.

"Freedom of the press is among the many ideals that make our country great," Congressman John Adler said. "This new law recognizes the important role that reporters play not just in our country, but around the world. Brave journalists risk their lives to promote transparency and accountability and they deserve to be recognized and protected."